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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/237,183 filed January 26, 1999
Inventors: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with the Sucrose Pathway
Atty. Docket: 16517.228

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Responsive Communication;
2. Amendment and Response; and
3. Return postcard.

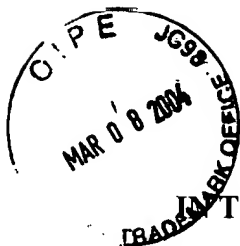
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.228. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)
Holly Logue Prutz (Reg. No. 47,755)

Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Response to Notice of Non-Responsive Communication

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Sir:

In response to the notice of non-responsive communication mailed February 6, 2004, which alleged that hyperlinks and/or other browser executable code remain in the specification, Applicants submit herewith an amended copy of the Response to the Office Action Dated April 16, 2003, which was filed on July 8, 2003, and an accompanying transmittal letter. The response has been amended to include an amendment removing the alleged remaining embedded hyperlinks, beginning on page 2 of the Response.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice of such is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time

are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any fees in addition to those provided for in the accompanying documents, are due at this time. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. R. Marsh', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed April 16, 2003 (paper no. 29) and the Official Action mailed on February 6, 2004 (paper no. 33) Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees other than those provided for in the accompanying documents are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.228.